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- 19. (Previously Presented) A compound having the formula:

$$R_6$$
— Z — C — CH — Y — N
 R_5
 R

wherein:

X is CH;

Y is oxygen;

Z is oxygen;

R is CO₂H;

R² is methyl;

R³ is methyl;

R⁴ is phenyl;

R⁵ is phenyl; and

R⁶ is methyl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 20. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 19, wherein said compound is an optically active enantiomer.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 20, wherein the enantiomer is the S enantiomer.

- 22. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 21, wherein the enantiomer is the pure form of the S enantiomer.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 20, wherein the enantiomer is the R enantiomer.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 23, wherein the enantiomer is the pure form of the R enantiomer.
- 25. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound having the formula:

$$R_6$$
— Z — CH — Y — X
 R_5
 R

wherein:

X is CH;

Y is oxygen;

Z is oxygen;

R is CO₂H;

R² is methyl;

R³ is methyl;

R⁴ is phenyl;

R⁵ is phenyl;

R⁶ is methyl; or a

pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

- 26. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 25, wherein said composition is suitable for oral, parenteral, or nasopharyngeal delivery.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 25, wherein the composition is in a solid form.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 25, wherein the composition is in a liquid form.
- 29. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 25, wherein the composition is in the form of a tablet, capsule, powder, granule, suppository, solution, colloid, ointment, cream, vapor or spray.
- 30. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 25, wherein the carrier comprises a tablet binder, filler, preservative, tablet disintegrant, flow regulator, plasticizer, wetting agent, dispersant, emulsifier, solvent, release-slowing agent, antioxidant, or propellant gas.
- 31. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 25, wherein the compound is an optically active enantiomer.
- 32. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 31, wherein the enantiomer is the S enantiomer.
- 33. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 32, wherein the enantiomer is the pure form of the S enantiomer.
- 34. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 31, wherein the enantiomer is the R enantiomer.
- 35. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 34, wherein the enantiomer is the pure form of the R enantiomer.

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- 53. (New) The compound